

**MOVING FORWARD FROM THE OUTCOME OF REFERENDUM 51:  
THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BUDGET**

**BRIEFING PAPER**

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**PURPOSE:**

To provide the Transportation Commission with continuing status reports on outreach efforts on transportation.

**ACTION/OUTCOME:**

To agree on products and a work plan of the “Straight Talk” effort and set clear expectations for the Commission’s eventual recommendation to, and involvement with, the 2003 Legislature.

**BACKGROUND:**

Referendum 51 was the result of years of work by hundreds, maybe even thousands, of people. Its failure to pass is a blow to the abilities of WSDOT, the cities and counties and transit providers to better serve the people of Washington. Yet the efforts on its behalf identified at least a few friends of transportation in the state of Washington and tell us where we must seek strength as we pick up support for a new approach. We owe them appreciation and thanks, despite the disappointing outcome.

**DISCUSSION:**

Last month, I presented the Transportation Commission with a plan for progress on moving the state’s transportation agenda forward. Today, I will provide an update on activities and outreach efforts that have occurred since that time and our continuing future plans.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

N/A.

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